

Elijah Dix and his son, a boy of eleven years old, came, and began to work a lot of land he had purchased. He was from Williamstown, Massachusetts. He built a log house a few rods east of Mr. E. Richardson's late residence, where, also, he began his first improvement. There were in all nine residents of this town during the summer of 1791. Concerning this year, Mr. Stanton has written in the town book as follows: "This summer, at any heavy work, such as raising log-houses, we were able to raise six hands. And, considering ourselves so strong, we undertook opening a road toward the Great Bend, some south of where the turnpike road was made afterward."

At the close of the summer, all but Mr. Stanton and his family left for the winter. The sufferings he endured here while shut out from human society, have already been related.

1792. As the next spring opened, Mr. Kellogg returned. He was at this time but twenty-four years of age. He was still unmarried, and had drank deeply of the spirit of western emigration. He possessed a good constitution, and had an intelligent, active mind. He was ambitious and ardent in his expectation of securing great results in this his first enterprise. He laid out extensive plans, and entered upon them with a firm expectation of success. He purchased a tract of about three thousand acres of land in this township, and made it his residence for life. He died at the residence of his son, Mr. Jerry Kellogg, on the 15th of August, 1853, at the advanced age of 86 years.

About the last of February, Mr. John Tiffany, from

Attlebury, Massachusetts, stopped at this place on his way to the Nine Partners. He had his wife and three children with him. While tarrying, he concluded to remain here and make it his home. He purchased the farm now owned by Mr. Christopher, built first a log-house, and then the house now occupied on that place. On the 5th day of March, Mr. Joseph Stearns and Mr. Jirah Mumford arrived, who also were on their way to the Nine Partners. They were from Tolland County, Connecticut. They had put their teams together, making two yoke of oxen attached to a sled. They were three weeks on their way. Mr. Stearns had his two sons, James and Otis, with him, and also a hired man. He found on his arrival that the provisions of the settlers were far too limited for such an increased company. He, therefore, left immediately for Great Bend, and procured two bushels of corn-meal. He then went to the Nine Partners, where he had spent the previous summer. Mr. Mumford, however, concluded to remain. He had brought with him his son Thomas, then a boy of twelve years old, and still living in this town, and also two hired men. He purchased two hundred acres of land, and built a log-house near where his son Minor now lives. In the fall, he returned with his son to Connecticut, and spent the winter. Mr. Stearns, near the close of the season, went to Connecticut, and brought in his family, which then included eight children. Having arrived at this place, the people of the Nine Partners came to aid him through to that place. But he concluded to relinquish his improvements there, and